

The Chronicle

Charnock Richard



Kate Baxter and Bob performing at the Horse of the Year Show

The Magazine of Christ Church Charnock Richard
October / November 2017

FROM FATHER ANDREW

My Dear Friends,

Nicknames are not something that I have ever been very keen to use because most of them are derogatory cruelly pick up on a person's unfortunate characteristic. However, in the middle of September the festival of a fourth century saint who was born in Turkey gave a different perspective on alternative names. John Chrysostom was apparently a brilliant preacher which earned him the nickname Golden-mouthed; his memory lives on not only because of his reputation as a preacher but because he is remembered as one of the four great doctors of the early church, and he who set about reforming the church and exposing corruption amongst clergy and administrators.

Chrysostom reformed by looking at the most important parts of a religious life. For us, this stripping back to the core of what we do – 'we do everything in the Lord's name' - is so essential if we are to start the healing process in our own lives and in the institution of the church. Holy Scripture often tells us why God needs his church on earth, but we need to be aware of its imperfections and always strive for a better way to do things. This is particularly true when you consider the crimes that have been committed against children from within the church – in all denomination. There are three truths in God's call to us:

It is God's initiative, it is God's vision and it is God's equipping that enables us to do things. Therefore, our plans to raise more funds or contribute to the work of mission in the Diocese are without foundation unless God is at the centre and we root our work in prayer.

Jesus famously used the image of salt and light: salt as a cleansing and preserving agent for a corrupt society and light as a way of exposing darkness in allowing people to find their own way. Consider how salt could help our own situation where money is short and there's always something else to contribute towards, whether it be essentials such a new pair of shoes or what many would regard as discretionary spending like charitable giving. Salt gives flavour if used in the right quantities – go over the top and it ruins flavour, and as we know these days, health also. In an apathetic and negative society if we flavour our worshipping and spiritual love we can bring the good news of truth, mercy and people to people. However, like salt in water, if we are influenced too much by worldly things such as running a project there's a danger that the distinctiveness and commitment of the disciple may be watered down.

So it is with light in our task of making sure we have enough resources to not just keep this church open, but to make a genuine and generous contribution to the work of the diocese. The mindset of the disciple and those engaged in church work should bring the Christ-light to bear on every aspect of human life. Just as a lamp stand can be masked by a cover, so our impact can be overshadowed by other preconceptions and priorities.

And with lessons from Holy Scripture and the life of John Chrysostom in mind let us pray for ourselves, our community and the work of God's Holy Church on earth.

Every blessing

Fr. Andrew.

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the October / November edition of the Charnock Richard Chronicle.

I hope you were able to take a break at some point over the summer months and now feel refreshed and recharged, ready to meet any challenges that might come your way. The children are back at school, some of our young people have gone to university for the first time, and most people are back at work.

We are now in the last quarter of the year, but there are plenty of activities taking place in the village on the run-down to Christmas.

In Church we have some special services over the next couple of months. On Sunday 5th November 2017, All Souls-Tide, we remember by name loved ones who are no longer with us. It is a time for reflection and many people have found great comfort from this service which is held at 6.30pm.

The following Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. There will be Holy Eucharist at 9.30am and a special Service of Remembrance including the Solemn Act of Remembrance at 10.30am. This service will conclude with a procession to the Memorial Garden for the laying of wreaths.

We are holding a Messy Church on Saturday 18th November 2017 at 4.30pm in the Old School. People of all ages are welcome to attend, but we are aiming, in particular, at families with younger children. The event will have a theme, and there will be plenty of different activities around the room for families to join in together. There will be a story, music and singing, and, I do believe, we will be joined by some puppets. This will be followed by sharing food together. Do join us.

On Sunday 26th November 2017 we will be offering some festive hospitality in the Old School at 2.00pm. There will be mulled wine and mince pies and music. This event is organised by the Community Centre Trust.

On Saturday 2nd December 2017 the Christmas Fair will be held in School. This is a joint effort between Church and School and usually attracts a large number of people. Father Christmas will be in attendance.

On Thursday 14th December 2017 we will be joining Radio Lancashire for Lancashire Sings Christmas. This started in 2010 when Churches Together in Lancashire teamed up with BBC Radio Lancashire to broadcast a carol service with a difference. Churches, community groups and individuals were encouraged to take their radios and carol sheets into pubs, coffee shops, residential homes, village greens, and join up with the rest of the county singing well known carols. Some singers went to Platform 4 of Preston Railway Station, and another group to a funeral parlour in Lytham. We will be going to the Dog and Partridge. Please make a date in your diary and join us.

In this edition of the Chronicle you will find articles written by Doris and George Haydock. Doris has recorded her memories of her school days at Charnock Richard School, whilst George has researched two brothers from this parish who were killed in the First World War. George has just celebrated his 88th birthday and he spends quite a lot of his time painting local landmarks. He has painted the Church Christmas Card for a good number of years and several of you have asked him to paint your dwelling. Doris, at one time, was responsible for the church flowers, a position she gave up some time ago. However, whilst the lady who is responsible for church flowers nowadays was on holiday for six weeks, Doris very kindly agreed to step in and fill the gap. She has produced some lovely displays. Doris and George are both on the cleaning rota for Church. We are truly grateful for all they do.

Another article I requested has come from Eleana Stafford, a pupil of Southlands High School. She is a member of the Great Britain cycling team in the discipline of BMX racing. Eleana, like Kate Baxter in the last issue of the Chronicle, illustrates the fact that with hard work, commitment and the determination to aim higher, you can reach your goals.

Florence and Norman Brown have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. Florence has always spent time on grandparent duties as well as working part-time in the hospitality sector, whilst Norman is a member of the Potting Shed Team working each Monday morning in the centre of the village, and a member of the Friday Team which undertakes grounds maintenance at the Chorley Panthers ground. Florence is on the church cleaning rota, and both Florence and Norman have produced a wonderful display of dahlias on the Chorley Lane railway bridge. We are indebted to you both.

It is with sadness that I record the passing of Beatrice Pate who died at the end of August aged 91 years. Beatrice had lived many years on her own after the death of her husband, Duncan. Beatrice will always be remembered for her immaculate garden, spending many hours keeping it in perfect condition. She was almost always amongst the winners in the Best Kept Garden Competition.

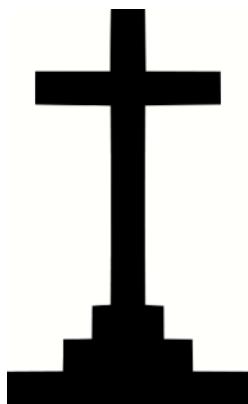
I do hope you enjoy reading this Chronicle. If you have any news which you think will interest others, please let me know.

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THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

“In the power of the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by daily prayer and bible study, we will be faithful communicants and by active witness, fellowship and service in the community, we will strive to help forward the Kingdom of God”

CHURCH SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH CHARNOCK RICHARD



The pattern of services for October 2017 and November 2017 will be as follows, except where noted below:-

Sunday

9.30am Parish Eucharist...Common Worship...

Thursday

10.00am Holy Eucharist (1662) Said in the Almshouses Chapel

Sunday 5th November 2017

6.30pm All Souls -Tide Service when we remember our Loved Ones
no longer with us

Sunday 12th November 2017

9.30am Holy Eucharist

10.30am Service of Remembrance including the Solemn Act of Remembrance followed by a procession to the Memorial Garden

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

6th August 2017 Seth Leo Dawson

Holy Matrimony

23rd September 2017 Andrew Joseph Whittle and Melanie Margaret MacNamara

Funerals

11th September 2017 Funeral of Beatrice Pate. Died 29th August 2017 aged 91 years.
 Funeral service in Church followed by cremation at Charnock
 Richard Crematorium.

MOTHERS UNION

The Mothers Union continues to meet on the third Thursday of the month in the Football Club at 2.00pm until 4.00pm.

Everyone welcome.

Please come and join us.
Joyce Barlow

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

3rd September 2017

Loving birthday memories of Rosemary Brooks, given with love from Mum xx

10th September 2017

In memory of Loved Ones from Doris and George Haydock

17th September 2017

Treasured memories of Anthony Bury from Jean

1st October 2017

Loving birthday memories of Joe from Marion

DONATIONS RECEIVED TO 20TH SEPTEMBER 2017

CHURCH FUNDS.

In memory of Jean Stuart.

From D.K & P Smith.

From M & L Purtill.

From E.Howarth.

From K & J Unsworth.

In memory of Ilene Cornwell.

From Helena & Tim McGoldrick. £20.00

From Chris & Barbara.

From Tracey & Colin Buckley. £20.00

From John & Chris Pilling.

For the Holy Baptism of Seth Leo Dawson.

From Dave & Rebecca Dawson. £50.00

In memory of Beatrice Pate.

From John Ericson.

£25.00

From Jacqui & John Worthington.

£15.00

From Barbara & Chris McCormick.

£10.00

From Margaret & Malcolm Stewart.

£25.00

In memory of Thomas & Ada Baybutt.

From Ann Cook (nee Baybutt) & family.

£30.00

In memory of Frank Latham.

From the Latham family.

£40.00

In thanksgiving.

From Bill & Mary Partington.

£40.00

RESTORATION FUND.

In memory of Beatrice Pate.

From Jim & Dorothy & family. £20.00

GRAVEYARD FUND.

None received.

ORGAN FUND.

None received.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 21st October 2017... Coffee Morning in the Old School at 10.00am

Saturday 18th November 2017... Messy Church in the Old School at 4.30pm

Sunday 26th November 2017... Afternoon Tea in the Old School at 2.00pm

Saturday 2nd December 2017... Christmas Fair in School at 11.00am

Thursday 14th December 2017... Lancashire Sings Christmas in the Dog and Partridge at 7.00pm

CHARNOCK RICHARD WOMENS GROUP

AUGUST MEETING

Nineteen members had an enjoyable evening at the Dog and Partridge . We had ordered afternoon tea and were not disappointed as the food was imaginatively served on miniature picnic benches causing a stir amongst the other diners in the pub. The food was delicious and many of us will visit for afternoon tea again.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Septembers meeting was advertised as friends and orphans however on the night it was Audrey's adventures in deepest Africa and was a more accurate depiction of the talk. Audrey was an inspirational speaker and recounted her adventures as a member of Friends of Mulanje Orphans charity.

She told us about the history of the 14 orphan centres in Malawi one of the poorest countries in Africa. Audrey explained what the charity provided for the orphans and how the orphans lived. At the end of her talk she had some small items for sale to raise funds for the charity.

See you all soon Lynda

Dates for your Diary.

November 2nd - Xmas crafts

December 7th - Christmas Jacobs Join and fun night.

CHURCH

THE POWER OF PRAYER

We are often asked to include in our prayers people who are anxious and awaiting tests, people who are about to have surgery, and people who have been diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. One or two of us thought it might be helpful to tell you about some of those for whom our prayers have been asked so that we might know a little more about them. If you would like us to include an update on the progress some of these have made, so that it can be shared, please contact Margaret Stewart 01257 792692/792536/795665

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND AT HOME

The Bishop has granted permission to five people in our Parish to distribute Holy Communion in Church, in the Chapel and in the home. If you know of someone, who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact either Margaret Stewart (01257 792692) or Jean Heaps (01257 793034).

GIFT AID

If you are a taxpayer please consider joining the gift aid scheme. For every £1 you give we can reclaim an extra 28p from the Inland Revenue. If you contribute to the Church by standing order or the envelope scheme you only need to complete one simple form. However, if you are used to placing cash on the plate and you are a taxpayer then please use and complete one of the envelopes in the pews (or at the back of the Church). If you need any help please ask us. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated.

PARISH COUNCIL

In our August meeting we successfully elected Councillor Ann Bishop as our new Vice Chairman to support Chairman Allan Shaw. Ann is a well known, respected councillor & resident of Charnock Richard often seen walking through the village daily with her friendly dog Star, keeping in touch with residents & reporting on issues which need addressing by the Parish Council.

In the same meeting Borough Councillors Alan Whittaker & Paul Leadbetter presented the proposals for the Camelot planning application & their reasons for refusing it. The Parish Council still strongly object to the development & support both councillors in preventing the development from going ahead.

Lancashire Adult Learning are working together with Chorley Council to offer FREE computer courses to anyone who feels they could benefit from them. So if you want to brush up on your basic skills, or know someone who could benefit from these courses please view the details below of courses in your area. If you would like to attend a course or would like more information please call 01257 515151 (for Citizens Advice Digital Help please call 0344 245 1294) or email simon.charnock@chorley.gov.uk

Functional Skills ICT Course	Day	Time
Tatton Community Centre	Tuesday	9:30am – 12:30pm
Tatton Community Centre	Tuesday	1:15pm – 4:15pm
Tatton Community Centre	Friday	9:30am – 12:30pm
ICT Workshops	Day	Time
Buttermere Community Centre	Monday	9:30am – 12:30pm
Clayton Brook Village Hall	Wednesday	1:15pm – 4:15pm
Lancaster Way Centre, Buckshaw	Friday	9:30am – 12:30pm
Citizens Advice Digital Help	Day	Time
Clayton Brook Village Hall	Monday	10:30am – 4:30pm
Tatton Community Centre	Wednesday	10:30am – 4:30pm
Lancaster Way Centre, Buckshaw	Thursday	10:30am – 4:30pm
Buttermere Community Centre	Friday	10:30am – 4:30pm

The Parish Council have been asking for a course to be run in the village at the Football Club on Charter Lane. We can only get a course if residents 100% commit to attending so if you or someone you know is interested in attending please email our Vice Chairman & Parish Councillor Ann Bishop via ann_bish@hotmail.com or phone on 01257 793009.

In November a speed survey will be taking place on Chorley Lane to address the regular complaints we receive of traffic travelling at high speed through the village. The speed limit through the village is 30mph. If you see regular instances of speeding where you live please report it to us so we can raise it with the police.

Residents are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings which are held monthly & start at 7:30pm. Whether it's feedback, concerns or general questions we'd love to hear your thoughts. The next meeting dates are:

- 2nd October
- 6th November
- 4th December
- 8th January

We hope to see you at our next meeting,

Councillor Ellen Walmsley

PARISH COUNCIL

Message from Councillors Paul Leadbetter & Alan Whittaker

**Planning Application 17/00710/OUTMAJ
Former Camelot Theme Park:**

**195 Houses, 21,500 Sq ft Commercial (workshop/starter)
Units; 11,000 Sq ft Office Block.**

You can look at the details on the Chorley Council Website (planning.chorley.gov.uk/online-applications), enter the reference 17/00710/OUTMAJ in the search box, and comment if you wish.

Cllr Alan Whittaker
01257 453456

Cllr Paul Leadbetter
07926 089450

CHARNOCK RICHARD UNITED CHARITIES

The Charity Trustees are hoping to make their Christmas Donations again this year. In order to compile a list of people eligible to receive a donation the Trustees would like to request any resident reaching the age of 65 or over, on or before 31 December 2017, to complete the following details and cut out and return this slip to:

Mrs C A Cross, Clerk to the Trustees, 321 Preston Road, Standish, Wigan, WN6 0QB,

Applications must be received by: 3rd December 2017

NAME: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss

ADDRESS:

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DATE[S] OF BIRTH:

CHRIST CHURCH CHARNOCK RICHARD PRE-SCHOOL

We have been very busy at Pre-School this term. In September, we welcomed back our current children and lots of new children. All the children have settled in really well, making new friends and busy exploring.

We have enjoyed spending time observing the seasonal changes, the children have been for lots of nature walks to collect natural materials and we have used what we have found in creative ways such as painting with blackberries and printing with leaves.

Charnock Richard
Pre-School



Quality Childcare and Learning
at the Heart of the Community
Tel: 07944 217 699



This term we are focusing on reading to support communication and language as frequent repetition of stories can help to develop a child's vocabulary. We have been encouraging children to choose a library book to take home and share with their parents/carers.

Kieron from Football 1st Academy continues to visit the children every Friday morning for 1st Kicks coaching session. Miss Nicky from Lancashire Dance Academy visits the children every Thursday morning to provide the children with a super dance lesson. The children love both of these additional activities and have demonstrated super movement and listening skills. These extra activities compliment the excellent curriculum that Pre-School currently offers.

If you would like to enrol your child at Pre-School please telephone us on: 07944 217699 or email: info@charnockrichardpreschool.co.uk

Further information about Pre-School can be found on the Pre-School website: www.charnockrichardpreschool.co.uk, see the news page for daily tweets about what we have been doing at preschool.

Gillian Leadbetter (Pre-School Manager)



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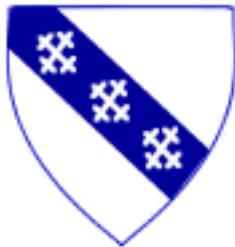
*for Personal Development,
Behaviour and Welfare
of Children* (Ofsted - June 2017)

"Children are exceptionally independent"

"Staff are wonderfully nurturing and sensitive to the emotional needs of the children"

"Children are well prepared for school when the time comes"





CHRIST CHURCH CHARNOCK RICHARD

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Foundation Stage children have settled really well into their new school. During the first two weeks they have met their year 6 buddy and have had their parents to stay for lunch. They have also been learning about their senses.

They used their smelling sense to identify foods.

They used their taste sense to taste delicious fruits.

They used their hearing/ looking sense to make musical instruments and go on a sound walk.

They used their touch sense to make textured super hero capes and textured teddy bears.



Charlie's Scarecrow Lego

These pictures have been sent by Kath Andrews of Neargates, Charnock Richard. They picture of last year's scarecrows and have been published in the Lego Nexo Knight's Magazine. They feature Kath's son Charlie and his dog Kipper proudly showing off their Nexo Knight scarecrows.

Charlie is eagerly awaiting his prize...a Lego set.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHARNOCK RICHARD SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2017

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who involved themselves in what was a damp weekend.

People really enjoy visiting the village, looking at the scarecrows and joining in.

These are just a few of the photographs of the scarecrow displays from the weekend.

Thank you.
Paul Leadbetter



Scarecrow Festival 2018
will be on 8 and 9
September.

CHARNOCK RICHARD SCOUTS & GUIDES GROUP

Dear Members

Scouts & Guides Lottery Membership subscriptions for 2018 are now due

It is that time of year again and firstly we would like to say a big “thank you” to all our Members who have supported us over the years.

Quite a number of you answered our request and have now opted to pay your subscriptions by Standing Order, for which we thank you.

If any other members would prefer to pay their subscriptions by Standing Order then please get in touch with a member of the Supporters’ Committee (details listed below) and we will arrange to let you have a Standing Order form to pass to your Bank for payment in January.

This method of payment would assist us greatly in the collection of subscriptions.

Alternatively, subscriptions can also be dropped off at the home of any member of the Supporters’ Committee whichever is easiest for you.

Secondly, if you are not a member of the Scouts & Guides Lottery and would like to join then again please contact a member of the Supporters’ Committee and we will call on you with details.

The subscriptions are only £10.00 per year, which is payable by the end of December each year. You will be issued with a Card detailing the rules of the Lottery and bearing your unique Membership Number. Prizes of £10.00 are drawn every week and bonus prizes are drawn at Summer and Christmas. These bonus prizes depend upon the number of members subscribing to the Lottery, i.e. - the more members we have the more money goes into the “pot” for distribution.

May we take this opportunity to thank you and we hope you will respond to this appeal especially if your child is a member of the Scouts & Guides movement in the village.

Scouts & Guides Supporters’ Committee

Linda Cottam,	140 Chorley Lane	tel: 470291
Christina Pilling,	66 Lichen Close	tel: 794325
Chris McCormack,	19 Merefold	tel: 792343
Alison Wilson,	Croston Lane	tel: 078123 33860
Karen Singleton,	61 Town Lane	tel: 792604



CHARNOCK RICHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST

I would like to thank all those of you who continue to support the trustees by joining us at our monthly coffee mornings, by filling Smartie tubes, or by making regular monthly contributions. We really do appreciate all your help and support.

Our next Coffee Morning is on Saturday, 21st October 2017.

I would like to acknowledge the following donations:

Tubes of Smarties:

Joyce Barlow	£12.20
Anonymous	£12.80
Jacqui Worthington	£12.40
Janet Bowen	£12.40
Unknown	£8.00
Joyce Holland	£12.80
John Ericson	£17.45
Marion Nash	£12.45
Margaret Edwards	£12.80
Jacqui Worthington	£11.60
Peggy	£13.00
Beryl Bury	£12.60

Coffee Morning ...August 2017	£117.00
Coffee Morning....September 2017	£132.00

Since we started collecting 20 pence pieces we have raised £1214.45, and since we started the Coffee Mornings we have raised £1418.45. Thank you all so much.

Birthday memories of my beautiful daughter Rosemary Brooks	£50.00
Love always Mum xxxx	

Scarecrow Festival...sale of Christmas cards and raffle	£156.20
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Scarecrow Festival...Keith and Barbara Horrocks	£244.34
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I would like to thank Margaret Edwards for her very kind donation in memory of her daughter Rosemary, and also, Keith and Barbara Horrocks for giving us the money they raised during the Scarecrow Festival. They make a great effort each year and we really do value their support.

Thank you all so much, working together we can make a difference.

Margaret Stewart
01257 792692/792536/795665
Vice-Chairman Charnock Richard Community Centre Trust

CHRONICLE SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to all the sponsors who have paid their invoices for the current year but can I please remind the other sponsors who have still to pay.
Your remittance will be very welcome.
Thank you Margaret Stewart

CHARNOCK RICHARD STORIES

My Memories of School by Doris Haydock

The photograph of the pupils at Christ Church, Church of England Primary School was taken in the year 1950. My sister Sylvia Holland is one who would be 14 in the November, all are leaving school to start work.



1950...Mr. Wilsons Class

Back Row Left to Right.

David Crook, Eric Wilkinson, Donald Heaps, Keith Pearson, Melvyn Ravenscroft, David Smith, Mr. Wilson.

Second Row Left to Right.

Jimmy Whittaker, Ian Cornwell, Roy Holland, John Jolly, Roy Pearson, Thomas Turner, John Ashurst.

3rd Row Left to Right.

Irene Taylor, Margaret Howard, Annie Croft, Brenda Gaskell, Sylvia Holland, Betty Holding.

Front Row.

Kathleen Issac, Phyllis Moon.

I left school in 1945 age 14 to start work at the Carrington and Dewhurst weaving mill in Eccleston. My first wage was £1. 9s. 6d.

My school days began age 5 years in January 1936 in what is now the Parish Rooms and was the Church of England school. The teachers were Miss Gillett in the infants class in the big room. The next room was divided into three classes with a partition to separate the classes. Miss Arlett's class was next, then Miss Alker and headmaster Mr. George Atkinson shared one room separated by a blackboard. We learned to read, write, sums, our 12 times tables. Each morning Rev. Ethelbert Storm came for morning prayers. On Fridays you all lined up and went to Church. The school bell rang till 9 o'clock, but if you were late, you had to stand in the cloakroom until prayers were over, then you got lines for being late.

We had sports on the school field where the New School is. We had to play rounders and cricket and run round the field 3 times. We had P.E. and skipping in the playground. We had a Christmas Concert when a stage was erected in the big room. We had a Christmas tree in the infants class, also a Christmas party. Cakes and jelly served by the girls from the top class.

1939 Second World War. We were issued with a gas mask to cover your face which you took to school with you in case of a gas attack from our enemies, the Germans.

Age eleven you got days off school to go potato picking for the local farmers as most of the men were in the forces. It was hard work and cold days.

You also at the age of eleven went to Coppull County School on Albert Corless's bus, girls for cookery class, boys for woodwork (rock buns were rock buns). Miss Arlett taught sewing and we all had to hand sew our own cookery aprons.

We had the odd dancing class. We had a school garden where the Scout Hut is, we had a garden class when weather permitted, each was given a garden spade or fork and a hoe and we had to weed and plant seeds.

We had singing classes on Fridays, when you had to sit with your arms folded behind your back to help your breathing, always the same songs, My Bonnie lies over the Ocean, Nellie Dean, Cockles and Mussels, Bobby Shafto.

“Oh happy days”
Doris Haydock

RESEARCH BY GEORGE AND EMILY HAYDOCK...THE HANDY BROTHERS

In 2014 my grand-daughter Emily Haydock was attending St. Michaels High School and was given a project to research a soldier killed in the First World War. His name is on the war memorial plaque in Christ Church Charnock Richard along with his brother. The brothers are Arthur Herbert Handy and Alfred Edward Handy. We decided to research both brothers and their families.

The story begins in Shropshire in the 1880's.

Father William Handy and mother Jane Ellen Handy are living there with 4 children:

Daughter	Mary Heath 9 years old
Son	Arthur Herbert 4 years old
Twin Daughters	Lucy and Beatrice 2 years old
Son	George died at birth

Around 1890 the family moved to Charnock Richard and lived in a cottage on Charnock Green – now long gone - but situated close to the Bowling Green Inn. This was part of the estate of the Allisons of Park Hall. William was employed as a butler at Park Hall, hence the reason for moving to Charnock Richard.

1891	Daughter Frances Harriet was born but died in 1895 aged 4 and is buried in Christ Church churchyard.
1893	Son Alfred Edward born
1897	Son Guy born
1898	Son George Henry born – lived 4 days and is buried with Frances
1899	Son Francis born

In 1901 Census there were 7 surviving children:

William	Head of family aged 45 (butler)
Jane Ellen	Wife aged 44
Mary Heath	Daughter aged 19
Arthur Herbert	Son aged 14
Lucy	Daughter aged 12
Beatrice	Daughter aged 12
Alfred Edward	Son aged 5
Guy	Son aged 4
Francis	Son aged 1

In 1911 Census:

Jane Ellen	Head of family, now a widow, aged 54	William had passed away 1900/1911
Mary Heath	single aged 29 – helping out at home	
Lucy	single aged 22 – working in cotton mill	
Alfred Edward	single aged 18 – working in cotton mill	
Guy	aged 14 – working in bleach works	
Francis	aged 11 –pupil at Charnock Richard School	

The reason Arthur Herbert is missing on the Census is he enlisted in the Scots Guards on 4th May 1907. Army records show he was a former miner – 5'9" and a man of very fine physique. His terms of service were 7 years with the colours and 9 years reserve. He was stationed at various locations, Caterham, London, Aldershot, Pirbright and Windsor Castle.

In April 1914 he left the army and placed on reserve for 9 years. 5 months later he was re-called and was soon on his way to France. Two months later, on 9th November 1914 during the first Battle of Ypres, he was wounded in action and died of his wounds in field ambulance No. 3 Ypres aged 27 years. He was the first soldier from Charnock Richard to die. He is buried in Staat Welphods School, Ypres. His name is inscribed on the Menin Gate Memorial.

Alfred Edward enlisted at Preston in February 1916 in the 4th/5th Battalion The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. He took part in battles on the Flanders Front and fought in the Third Battle of Ypres. He was killed at Passchendaele on 26th October 1917 aged 24.

He has no known grave but his sacrifice is recorded at Tyne Cot Memorial which is on the forward slope of Passchendaele Ridge. Fought between July and November 1917, the Battle of Passchendaele was one of the most notorious battles of World War I. In three and half months, an advance of 5 miles, resulted in over 90,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers missing, 50,000 buried unidentified, 42,000 never recovered from the Belgian fields of Flanders that turned into an ocean of mud.

3 years after Arthur Herbert's death, Jane Ellen was informed of Alfred Edward's death. Notices appeared in the Chorley Guardian. She died in 1926 aged 70 and is buried in the churchyard with her two infant children.

Next time you walk through the Lych Gate at Christ Church look to the left at the small stone cross, situated 3 rows in from the path and 3 graves from the wall – the final resting place of Jane Ellen and her two children Frances Harriet and George Henry. Buried in the next grave are daughters Mary Heath and Beatrice.

George Haydock



Private Arthur Herbert Handy

Civilian Occupation:
yet to be identified

Date of Enlistment: 01/08/1914

Service Number:
6741

1st Battalion
Scots Guards



Private Alfred Edward Handy

Civilian Occupation:
Gardener

Date of Enlistment:
02/03/1916

Service Number:
7858 and then 23310

4th/5th Battalion
The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

GREAT BRITAIN BMX CYCLING TEAM MEMBER...ELEANNA STAFFORD

As part of the Great Britain Cycling Team in the discipline of BMX racing I have progressed and achieved things I never thought I could, from starting at the age of 5 years racing across the north of England competing in Regionals, I am now racing across the world at the age of 15.

I started riding at the track in Coppull, and then moved over to Preston. From that time onwards, Preston Pirates has been my home club and has helped me massively in the sport to achieve many National wins and podiums, 2 x Scottish Champion, 2 x North Champion, multiple European finals and probably my biggest achievement, World number 6 in 2014 in Rotterdam , Holland. A memory I will never forget.

I have also raced for a few different teams/sponsors (FullSpeed, Doublecross, Sorted Racegear) who have supplied me with bikes, kit and generally with anything I needed. I am currently sponsored by Sorted Racegear, which is based in Manchester, which is where most of my training is based.

I am proud to say that I am on the Junior Academy as part of the Great Britain Cycling Team. I have worked my way up the programme starting at regional and inter-regional level for around 2-3 years, then on to the ODA (Olympic Development Apprenticeship) of which I was a part for 2 years, going to training days and camps at the National Cycling Centre in Manchester working with the coaches at British Cycling to push me to achieve my goals, and finally, to where I am currently on the Junior Academy. This has been my first year on the Junior Academy and I have honestly loved every minute of it. This year I have competed in UK and European races, going away and travelling with the GB squad, racing in Belgium, Holland and France, making finals and semi-finals. Also racing in the UK at Nationals and British Championships, riding up an age group into championship women 17 +. It has definitely been a challenge, but making most finals at Nationals and finishing 7th overall, and finishing 5th at the British Championships, I was very happy with the results.

The coaches and team at British Cycling are a huge help from coaching at camps, help at rides whenever I need, setting me a training diary, gym and generally just anything I need in the sport. It has been a struggle through the past few months with the funding being cut for the girls, so trying to keep motivated has been hard, but hopefully it has paid off, and I can keep this journey going to achieve my biggest goal and represent Great Britain at the Olympics.

A huge thank you goes out to the team behind me that supports and pushes me, the coaches and people at British Cycling, Colin Bell who helps me a lot with the mental side of the sport and, lastly, my family for taking me to training and racing, and paying for what needs to be paid, I would not be where I am today without them.

Eleana



CHRISTIAN THEATRE GROUP PERFORMS AT EDINBURGH FRINGE

A Christian theatre group formed by the Blackburn Diocese and Lancashire Methodist District took a new play to the Edinburgh Festival. Home Front, Front Line was written by Rev. Canon David Banbury who is Blackburn Diocese's Parish Mission Support Leader. It had already been seen at several venues across Lancashire before its successful appearance at the Edinburgh Fringe.

The same team has now produced a play that was performed at Liverpool Cathedral in September as part of a season of events celebrating the life of Captain Noel Chavasse and his brother Christopher. Noel Chavasse is the only man to have been awarded two VCs during the First World War, the second posthumously. His brother Christopher was an army chaplain, survived the war and went on to become Bishop of Rochester.

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